

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
November 24, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Jose Luis Aguilar	Raul Rodriguez
Kent Bratcher	Bill Rogers
Terry Hill	Nora Sanchez
Manuel Madrid Jr.	Jeff Youtsey

The following were absent:

None

Also present:

Lisa C. Johnston, Assistant City Clerk
John Caraway, City Attorney

It was determined that a quorum was present. The invocation was given by Pastor Sherman Countryman of Alamogordo, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill upon vote, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda includes:

1. Approval of Minutes: *November 10, 2015 – Regular meeting
2. Consideration of Bids:
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
6. Dates of Hearing:
 - A. Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval to set a public hearing on December 8, 2015 for consideration of Case No.15-55, Zone Change from R-2 District to Planned Unit Development - Final Plan for Roselawn Manor; 800 South Roselawn Avenue; Block 1 of Hightower Subdivision; Owners-Matt Grosz and Don Johnston; Agent-Autroph Inc
 - B. Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval to set a public hearing on December 8, 2015 for consideration of Case No.15-56, Zone Change from R-2 District to C District; 901, 903, 905 and 907 S. 2nd Street; Lots 21, 22, 23 and the South 15 feet of Lot 24 of Block 5 of Tyler Subdivision; Owners-Brad Knowlton and Artesia Downtown Lions Club
7. *Travel and Training:
 - A. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Digital Crime Scene and Evidence Photography training in Rio Rancho, NM
 - B. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Active Shooter Threat Instructor training program in Artesia, NM
 - C. Police – Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval for one (1) employee to attend the Child Safety Seat clinic in Sunland Park, NM
 - D. Library – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Summer Reading workshop in Hobbs, NM
 - E. Museum – Permission for one (1) employee to participate in the online training – Cataloging Collections

- F. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Policing in the 21st Century conference in Albuquerque, NM
 - G. Water – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NM Utility Operator certification examination in Las Cruces, NM
 - H. Executive – Permission to attend the Municipal Tax Reform Committee meeting in Santa Fe, NM
 - I. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the 2016 Annual Safety Forum in Scottsdale, AZ
 - J. Fire – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the NFPA-1081 Fire Brigade training in College Station, TX
8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:
9. Budgeted Items:
- A. Infrastructure – Permission to purchase Loader Backhoe and tires (\$98,903.76 + tax – budget increase required)
10. Non-budgeted Items:
11. *Payment of Bills

Public Hearing

Mayor Burch declared the meeting open for public hearing for the following:

- 1. Consideration and approval of an ordinance for Case No. 15-46, Final Plat – Trilogy Unit #2A; A replat of Lots 1 through 72 of Trilogy Unit #2; Owners – Traditions of Trilogy, LLC, Tom DuBose – Manager.

Community Development Director Jim McGuire reported that the request is to change the easements only for Trilogy and Pinehurst streets, to reduce the easements from 10 ft. to 8 ft. The corrected plat, showing the change to only those two street, has been sent back to the owners for the corrections to just the two streets, not the entire area. It is recommended that the plat be approved, however the signing will wait until the final corrected plat is received.

Planning and Zoning recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve Case 15-46, Ordinance No. 985. The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Aguilar, Bratcher, Hill, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sanchez, Youtsey
Nay: none
the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 985

2. Consideration and approval of an ordinance for Case No. 15-52, Final Plat – Linda Vista Estates, 1000 block of W. Catalina Drive; Lots 2, 3, and 4 of Block 2; Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3 and Lots 8, 9, and 10 of Block 4 of Artesia Estates; Owners – Oattie Speir, Speir Properties LLC; Agent – Smith Engineering

Mr. McGuire stated that this is the final plat for the remaining lots from the old Artesia Estates. It originally had nine lots, but will now have only five.

Planning and Zoning recommended approval.

Mayor Pro tem Hill requested that the developer prohibit two-story houses in the covenants.

Scott Hicks representing Smith Engineering, stated that the developer is doing his own covenants, but that he would relay the request.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve Case 15-52, Ordinance No. 986. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Aguilar, Bratcher, Hill, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sanchez, Youtsey

Nay: none

the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 986

Personnel

Councilor Rodriguez moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Ricardo Fierro to the position of Wastewater Assistant, at a salary of \$2,363 per month (CA20), subject to the successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Aguilar moved to approve the annual "Safety pays" payout. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Mayor Burch requested that the Personnel and Police and Fire committees review the program for any needed updates.

City Clerk

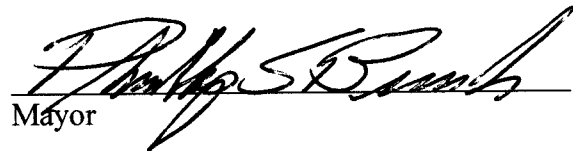
Discussion took place regarding the possibility of doing a General Obligation bond question on the March ballot for \$4.5 million for a swimming pool. While the majority would support having the pool, concerns were expressed on how the city would afford the annual operation costs. It was also noted that the economy was not as healthy as it has been and the issue should be revisited at a later time.

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved to approve the list of records for the annual records destruction. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Mayor

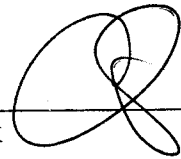
Mayor Burch reported that air service from Roswell to Phoenix will begin in March. As with previous routes, the city would commit to \$150,000 guarantee portion, with an additional \$25,000 for marketing for the route. Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Letter of Intent for Regional Air Service from Roswell to Phoenix. The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon vote, the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m., November 24, 2015.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk